

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FY09 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Water Quality, Soil Quality, Pasture Condition, Forest Stand Condition

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

The Long Prairie Watershed – All concerns listed above

The Chippewa Watershed – All concerns listed above

The Sauk Watershed – All concerns listed above

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Soil Erosion Control in the Long Prairie, Chippewa or Sauk Watersheds – Medium Priority

Ag. Waste Pit closures & Feedlots needing runoff/manure storage treatment – High Priority

Practices in watersheds of TMDL listing which treat the TMDL concern – High priority

Woody Invasives & Forestry Management practices – Medium Priority

Non-Woody Invasive species practices- Medium Priority

All other practices – Low Priority

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

- Does application include No-Till or Mulch Tillage? ---- 19 pts
- Does application include practices that address Water Quality? ---- 10 pts
- Does application include Woody Invasive or Forestry Management? ---- 10 pts
- Does application include Nutrient or Pest Management? ---- 6 pts
- Does application include Non-Woody Invasive species? ---- 4 pts
- Does application tract(s) include established or planned (CRP, etc) buffers of 1 rod min. on sensitive waters & tile intakes ---- 5 pts
- Is the application in the Long Prairie Watershed ---- 3 pts
- Is the application in the Chippewa Watershed ---- 2 pt
- Is the application in the Sauk Watershed ---- 1 pt

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.
6. Submit this worksheet electronically to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group

Date